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# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS' STATE ALLIANCE.

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*Amended at Hillsboro, N. C., August 13 and 14, 1901.*

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### ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR STATE ALLIANCE.

1. Calling roll by counties—each delegate answering to his name, who will thereupon present his credentials to the Secretary.
2. Reading of the daily Minutes.
3. Appointment of Committees.
4. Reports of Officers.
5. Reports of Committees.
6. Motions and Resolutions.
7. Unfinished Business.
8. Election of Officers.
9. Installation of Officers.

### DECLARATION OF PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, The general condition of our country imperatively demands unity of action on the part of the laboring classes, reformation and economy, and the dissemination of principles best calculated to encourage and foster agricultural and mechanical pursuits; encouraging the toiling masses, leading them in the road to prosperity, and providing a just and fair remuneration for labor, a just exchange for our commodities, and the best means of securing to the laboring classes the greatest amount of good; we hold to the principle that all monopolies are dangerous to the best interest of our country, tending to enslave a free people and subvert and finally overthrow the great principles purchased to the fathers of American liberty. We, therefore, adopt the following as our declaration of principles:

1. To labor for the education of the agricultural classes in the science of economical government in a strictly non-partisan spirit.
2. To endorse the motto, "In things essential, unity; and in all things, charity."
3. To develop a better state, mentally, morally, socially and financially.

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4. To create a better understanding for sustaining civil officers in maintaining law and order.

5. To constantly strive to secure entire harmony and good will among all mankind and brotherly love among ourselves.

6. To suppress personal, local, sectional and national prejudices, and unhealthy rivalry, and all selfish ambition.

7. The brightest jewels which it garners are the tears of widows and orphans, and its imperative commands are to visit the homes where lacerated hearts are bleeding ; to assuage the suffering of a brother or sister ; bury the dead ; care for the widows and educate the orphans ; to exercise charity towards offenders ; to construe words and deeds in their most favorable light, granting honesty of purpose and good intention to others ; and to protect the principles of the Alliance unto death. Its laws are reason and equity ; its cardinal doctrines inspire purity of thought and life ; its intentions are "peace on earth and good will towards men."

# CONSTITUTION.

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## ARTICLE 1.

### MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known as the FARMERS' STATE ALLIANCE OF NORTH CAROLINA, and shall have power to make its own Constitution and By-Laws and Rules of Order and Business.

SEC. 2. It shall be composed of one delegate from each County Alliance containing 2,000 members or less, and an additional delegate for every 1,000 members in excess of 2,000, its officers, Executive and Judiciary Committees and District Lecturers: *Provided, however,* that none but delegates be allowed to vote except in case of a tie, when the President shall have the casting vote. It shall elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Business Agent, Lecturer, Steward, Chaplain, Doorkeeper, Sergeant-at-Arms, who shall hold office for twelve months—except the Executive Committee, who shall hold office for five years, one member being elected at each annual session, or until their successors are elected and installed, when the retiring officers shall be honorary members for that session only. The Trustee of the Business Agency Fund shall be an officer of the Alliance. All members of Subordinate Alliances in good standing are eligible to office in the State Alliance.

SEC. 3. A County Alliance shall be organized in each county when there are three or more Subordinate Alliances in the county, to be composed of delegates from the Subordinate Alliances in such ratio as each County Alliance may elect, but not less than one delegate for each ten members.

SEC. 4. A Subordinate Alliance shall not be organized with less than five members, nor nearer than three miles by a direct line to an Alliance in the same county, except by consent of two-thirds of the members of such Alliance or Alliances.

SEC. 5. The County and Subordinate Alliances shall elect the same officers as the State Alliance, to hold office for same length of time, except that the entire Executive Committee shall be elected each year. That officers and members of standing committees to be considered active members of the County Alliance, and shall have the right to speak on all questions coming before that body, just as allowed other members, provided the County Alliance so elect.

SEC. 6. Delegates from a majority of the counties shall constitute a quorum of the State Alliance. Delegates from one-fourth of the Subordinate Alliances a quorum of the County Alliance. Three mem-



bers a quorum of the Subordinate Alliances, unless otherwise provided in their By-Laws. In the absence of a quorum at any meeting, the presiding officer may announce a recess for such time as may be desirable, not to exceed twenty-four hours.

SEC. 7. The election shall be by ballot when more than one name is proposed, and a majority of the votes cast shall decide the same.

SEC. 8. Delegates to the State Alliance shall be elected at the July session of the County Alliance and shall hold office for twelve months. Delegates to the County Alliance at the first meeting of the Subordinate Alliances in December, March, June and September. Officers of Subordinate Alliances at the first meeting in June of each year or as soon thereafter as practicable.

SEC. 9. The State Alliance shall meet annually on the second Tuesday in August, at 12 o'clock M., at such place as may be determined by the State Executive Committee. County Alliances shall meet on the second Thursday in January, April, July and October. But to suit the conveniences of the State Lecturer, the time of the county meetings may be altered, within the range of the first twenty days of the months named by the State President, Executive Committee, Secretary-Treasurer, and the Lecturer, a majority concurring therein. in order to carry out the purpose in view in the division of the State into Lecture Districts, under Art. 1, Sec. 10. Subordinate Alliances shall meet at least once a month. The President of the State Alliance may call a meeting on application of the Presidents of one-fourth of the County Alliances. The President of a County Alliance on application of the Presidents of five Subordinate Alliances. The Presidents of a Subordinate Alliance on the application of five members.

SEC. 10. The State shall be divided into eight Lecture Districts:

First District—Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Gates, Hertford, Northampton, Halifax, Edgecombe, Martin, Bertie.

Second District—Carteret, Onslow, Jones, Lenoir, Pitt, Craven, Pamlico, Beaufort, Hyde, Dare, Tyrrell, Washington.

Third District—Greene, Wayne, Wilson, Nash, Franklin, Warren, Vance, Granville, Durham, Wake, Harnett, Johnston.

Fourth District—Chatham, Moore, Richmond, Robeson, Cumberland, Bladen, Columbus, New Hanover, Brunswick, Pender, Duplin, Sampson.

Fifth District—Anson, Union, Stanly, Montgomery, Randolph, Davidson, Guilford, Rockingham, Caswell, Person, Orange, Alamance.

Sixth District—Alexander, Caldwell, Mitchell, Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany, Wilkes, Surry, Stokes, Forsyth, Davie, Yadkin.

Seventh District—Iredell, Rowan, Cabarrus, Gaston, Mecklenburg, Lincoln, Catawba, Burke, McDowell, Rutherford, Cleveland, Polk.

Eighth District—Cherokee, Clay, Macon, Graham, Swain, Jackson Haywood, Madison, Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania.



SEC. 11. Each County and Subordinate Alliance may form their constitution and by-laws in conformity to the State and National bodies.

SEC. 12. It shall be the duty of each County Lecturer to furnish quarterly, to the State Lecturer, a statement as to the condition of the County Alliance, and to notify the State Lecturer if his services are desired, and what provisions the county will make as compensation for the State Lecturer's services.

## ARTICLE II.

### DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The duties of the President shall be those belonging to presiding officers, and he shall inspect the ballot-box and announce the results, conduct initiations, expound the secret work, and open and close the Alliance according to the ritual.

SEC. 2. The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, perform his duties. In case of a vacancy in the office of President and Vice-President, the Chairman of the Executive Committee shall perform the duties of the office for the remainder of the term, and until the new president is elected and qualified. In case of absence of the President and Vice-President at any meeting, the Alliance can elect temporarily, a presiding officer for that session by acclamation. In case of a vacancy in the Executive Committee, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the President until the next regular meeting of the State Alliance, which shall elect to fill the vacancy.

SEC. 3. The duty of the Secretary of the State Alliance shall be to keep a record of the proceedings of the State Alliance, conduct its correspondence, keep a roll of its members, to receive all money of the Alliance and pay it over monthly to the Treasurer and take his receipt for the same; to read all communications, reports and petitions in open Alliance when necessary, affix the seal of the Alliance to all documents requiring the same, to prepare for publication a copy of the proceedings of each annual or called session immediately after adjournment, to distribute the semi-annual pass-word to the Secretary or President of each Subordinate Alliance, who shall give it to the members of his Alliance; and this pass-word shall be given in no other manner: *Provided*, where no County Alliance has been formed the pass-word shall be given to the Secretary or President of the Subordinate Alliance in each county. He shall have charge of the seal, books and papers of the State Alliance; his books shall at all time be open to the inspection of the President, Executive Committee, or any other committee appointed by the President to inspect the same; he shall keep a correct account between the State and County Alliance: He shall furnish the Secretary of each

County Alliance with a blank book properly ruled, with suitable column heads for classifying and recording the contents of the reports from Subordinate Alliances; also suitable blanks for making reports to his office, and to the Chairman of the Executive Committee; and a supply of blanks for the Secretary of each Subordinate Alliance report to County Alliances; he shall also make a list of all officers, standing and special committees of the State Alliance, with name and postoffice address, which list shall be a part of the printed proceedings of the State Alliance.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of each Subordinate Alliance shall, on the first day of January, April, July and October, furnish their County Secretaries and Chairman of Executive Committees with a list of the number of all male members over twenty-one years of age, also those under twenty-one years of age, also the number of females, and other statistics required of him by the County Secretary, and shall accompany the same with the fees and dues due the County Alliance.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of each County Alliance shall classify and record the reports from the various Subordinate Alliances in his county, and shall make a report of the same quarter in triplicate, one copy to be sent to the Secretary of the State Alliance, one copy to the Chairman of the State Executive Committee by the 30th of January, April, July and October, and one copy retained by the County Alliance.

SEC. 6. When a Subordinate Alliance shall fail to make its report to the County Alliance, as specified in Section four of this Article, it shall not be allowed representation, and if it shall continue in neglect of this duty and not send its reports and dues for twelve months, it shall stand suspended.

SEC. 7. When the County Alliance shall fail to make its reports to the State Alliance as specified in Section five of this Article, it shall not be allowed representation, and when in arrears for more than one month, the Secretary of the State Alliance shall notify the President of such County Alliance, and he shall investigate the matter and report to the State Secretary the reason for such delay, and if it shall continue in neglect of that duty and not send its reports and dues within twelve months, it shall stand suspended. It shall be the duty of the State Alliance to notify such defaulting Alliances of their suspension and the cause thereof. The Secretary of the State Alliance shall exchange copies of the proceedings of each session of the Alliance with the Secretary of each State Alliance, and bind the reports so received with the proceedings of this Alliance in a book, to be the property of the State Alliance. He shall also furnish a copy of the proceedings of the State Alliance to the Secretary and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union.

SEC. 8. The Treasurer's duty shall be to receive all money from the Secretary, and pay it out on a warrant from the Secretary, approved

by the President. He shall file with the Executive Committee a bond for double the amount of money that is likely to pass through his hands.

SEC. 9. The Chaplain's duty shall be to conduct the religious exercises of the Alliance; to officiate at the funeral service on the death of a member of the Order.

SEC. 10. The Lecturer's duty shall be, at each meeting to deliver or read a short address on some topic of interest to the Order; and in his absence, the Steward, who is Assistant Lecturer, shall take his place.

SEC. 11. The duty of the Doorkeeper and his Assistant shall be to guard the door, to take up the word, to see that all are properly clothed, to have charge of the property of the Alliance, and to keep the house in order.

SEC. 12. It shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms to assist the President in preserving order while the body is in session, to see that the members, at the sound of the gavel, take seats and cease talking.

SEC. 13. If at any time after the Alliance is called to order by the President, a member shall refuse to comply with the foregoing section, or in any way disturb the business of this body, he shall, after the second offence during the same day, be reported to the President, who shall publicly reprimand said brother, and if reported the second time during the day, he shall be expelled from the house for that day.

SEC. 14. He shall see that the orders of the President are obeyed; carry all papers or messages from the President to other officers of this body, as he may be directed.

SEC. 15. He may have the privilege of appointing one or more assistants to assist him in performing his duties, with the advice and consent of the President.

SEC. 16. He shall keep a sufficient supply of water for the use of the body, and look after the general comfort of the body.

SEC. 17. He shall be the custodian of all mail matter, and see that it is distributed to the members.

SEC. 18. All expenses incurred in carrying out these duties shall be paid by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Farmers' State Alliance, and said account must be itemized and approved by the Executive Committee.

### ARTICLE III.

#### QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. No person shall be admitted as a member unless he has been a citizen of the State of North Carolina for six months past, and not then unless he be a farmer, farm laborer, fisherman, mechanic (provided he be not a resident of a town of more than 3,000 inhabitants, under such restrictions as each County Alliance may for its own territory deem wise), country physician, or minister of the gospel

whose work is mainly in the country, or editor of a strictly agricultural paper, be of good moral character, believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, be of industrious habits, is a white person, and over the age of sixteen years. Further, when any member of the Subordinate Alliance shall engage in any occupation which would render him ineligible before initiation, said member shall at once be dismissed from the Alliance, and furnished by the Secretary with a written statement of the cause of his dismissal: *Provided*, that the above shall not apply to the members who may be selected to buy and sell as merchants under the supervision of the Alliance: *Provided*, that the Cherokee Indians in the counties of Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Swain may be received (when qualified) as members of the Order if they are pure Indian blood and not less than half white: *Provided, further*, Croatan Indians in this State may be received on the same conditions.

SEC. 2. If any person seemingly qualified for membership under section one of this Article, shall send in his application, and it shall be shown to the committee of investigation that he has other interests that do not harmonize with the interests of the Order, they shall report adversely to his admission, and make a statement of the facts in the case, and the Secretary shall inform the applicant of the causes of his ineligibility.

SEC. 3. No member shall be admitted to membership in more than one Alliance at one time.

SEC. 4. There shall not be any political or religious tests for membership.

SEC. 5. Females over sixteen years of age may, when qualified under section 1, become members of this Order.

## ARTICLE IV.

### FEES AND DUES.

SECTION 1. All fees and dues in the Subordinate Alliance are due and payable quarterly in advance. No member who has not paid his dues in advance shall be entitled to the new pass-word. Members in arrears for dues for three months shall stand suspended without any action of the Alliance, but they shall immediately become members of good standing by paying one quarter's dues on approval of a two-thirds vote of the Sub-Alliance. If such dues remain unpaid for six months, such member shall stand expelled.

SEC. 2. The initiation fee of males shall be fifty cents and the dues twenty-five cents a quarter. Females shall be exempt from initiation fees, but "may at their own election" pay dues to the amount of five cents each quarter, all of which shall be sent to the Secretary of the State Alliance. Such females as elect to pay dues shall be entitled to representation as males.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Subordinate Alliance shall send with his quarterly report to the County Alliance, twenty-five cents for each male member initiated during the quarter, and fifteen cents dues for each male member of his Alliance reported for the quarter, and five cents for each female who has elected to pay her dues. But if no County organization exists the Secretary of Subordinate Alliance shall send to the Secretary of the State Alliance the same fees and dues that would have been sent to the County Secretary, and is allowed representation in State Alliance. The Secretary of the County Alliance shall send with his quarterly report to the Secretary of the State Alliance fifteen cents for each male member initiated in his county reported in good standing for the previous said quarterly term, and ten cents dues for each male member in his county reported in good standing for the said quarterly term, and five cents for each female member whose dues has been sent in from Sub-Alliance. That any County or Sub-Alliance at its option may tax its females and have representation accordingly.

SEC. 4. The charter for Subordinate Alliance shall be five dollars, which shall be paid by the Subordinate Alliance at the time of organization. The organizing officer shall receive for his services for organizing each Alliance the sum of five dollars, and for organizing County Alliance twelve dollars: *Provided*, that the amount, if any advanced, may be retained in the Alliance.

SEC. 5. Any Subordinate Alliance may, by a two-thirds vote of all its members in good standing, lay an assessment on each member not to exceed twenty-five cents per quarter.

## ARTICLE V.

### APPLICATIONS AND INITIATIONS.

SECTION 1. Any person wishing to become a member of a Subordinate Alliance shall offer an application at a stated meeting of the nearest Subordinate Alliance, stating age, occupation and place of residence, the application to be accompanied by the initiation fee, and the application to be recommended by two members in good standing, and the application shall lie over from one stated meeting until the next for ballot.

SEC. 2. When an application is received, the President shall appoint a committee of three to investigate the character of the applicant and report at the next stated meeting; on report of committee the ballot on his petition shall be taken, and if clear, he shall be declared elected; if one black ball shall appear, the President shall immediately order the ballot taken again, in order to ascertain if there be a mistake; if one black ball shall again appear, the President shall announce that the ballot will again be taken at the next stated meeting, during



which time it shall be the duty of the person casting the black ball to impart to the President personally his reason for so doing; at the time of taking the final ballot the President shall state to the Alliance the reason why the black ball appeared, carefully concealing the name of the brother who cast it (and always concealing the same): *Provided, however*, it there shall be no cause given to the President by the next regular meeting, the President shall declare the candidate elected without further ballot, but if the ballot should be taken again, and if only one black ball should appear, the candidate shall be declared elected; if rejected, the Secretary will notify him in writing and refund the initiation fee.

SEC. 3. When an applicant is elected, he shall be initiated within four stated meetings, if not providentially hindered; otherwise, he shall stand as an excluded member.

SEC. 4. A petition cannot be withdrawn after it has been received, without the consent of the Alliance.

SEC. 5. The petition of any one rejected shall not again be received until the expiration of six months.

SEC. 6. Any member clear of the books may make application for a dimit or withdrawal card, and if no charges are preferred against him or her, the Secretary shall issue his dimit or card.

SEC. 7. Any member holding a dimit or card, wishing to affiliate with any Alliance, shall present a written petition, accompanied by the dimit and all dues that have accrued since its date, and upon a two-thirds vote in favor of applicant, he shall be declared elected. If the dimit is six months old he shall come in only as a new member.

SEC. 8. All dimits shall be addressed to some definite Subordinate Alliance, and upon reception of person dimitted, the Alliance receiving shall notify the Alliance dimitting. All persons not so reported in six months shall be marked as dropped.

SEC. 9. Sub-Alliances that have forfeited or surrendered their charters may be re-organized by making application to the Secretary of the State Alliance, which application shall be accompanied by a fee of fifty cents for every member who signs such application. On receipt of such application accompanied by the fees, the Secretary shall forward to the Sub-Alliance a duplicate of their old or a new charter; *Provided*, that none but those who were in good standing at the time of the surrender of the charter and are still according to Section 1. Article 3, of the Constitution, shall be accepted: *Provided, however*, that not less than five members make application.

## ARTICLE VI.

### GOOD OF THE ORDER—ARBITRATION OF DIFFERENCES.

SECTION 1. Each Subordinate and County Alliance shall appoint a committee of three on the "Good of the Order." This committee

shall be a board for the arbitration of difference of any nature that may exist between members of said Alliance.

SEC. 2. It is deemed contrary to the spirit of the order for brothers to go to law with each other, therefore it is earnestly recommended when pecuniary or other differences arise between members, that they settle them amicably among themselves; failing to do so, that they leave the matter to the board of arbitration, provided none of said board are disqualified by interest or relationship in favor of or against the contending parties. If this be the case, a new board, or any member of it, may be appointed by the Alliance for the purpose of adjusting the difficulty. But if this fails, then the courts of law may be resorted to in settlement of the matter.

SEC. 3. When any officer or member shall be guilty of conduct unbecoming an Allianceman, or when personal difference shall exist between members, and after reasonable efforts, cannot be amicably adjusted, an officer may be impeached, and a member reprimanded, suspended or expelled; charges and specifications in writing may be preferred by any member at a stated meeting of the board of arbitration, and when charges are preferred, a copy of the charges and specifications shall be furnished by the Lecturer to the party charged. The Chairman of the Board shall notify the parties at variance in writing, of the time and place at which they will take, in writing, all testimony of persons not members of the Alliance, and report the same at the next meeting of the Board, and upon the report and such other testimony as may be had in the Alliance, the Board shall proceed at once in the trial, and the Alliance inflict such punishment on either or both of the parties as it may determine.

SEC. 4. All trials of the officers and members of the Subordinate Alliance shall be by Board of the Subordinate Alliance; all trials of the officers or members of the County Alliance shall be by the Board of County Alliance; all trials of officers or members of the State Alliance shall be by the Judiciary Committee of the State Alliance; all appeals from the Board of the Subordinate Alliance shall be to the Board of the County Alliance; all appeals from the County Alliance shall be to the Board of Judiciary of the State Alliance.

SEC. 5. All parties on trial for any offence shall have the right to defend themselves in person or by proxy. The Lecturer shall conduct the prosecution, and shall have the right to close, after which the decision shall be rendered determining the punishment, either by expulsion, suspension or reprimand by the Board.

SEC. 6. In case of an appeal, all the proceedings in the trial, with the testimony properly transcribed from the records, shall be transmitted to the next meeting of the County, State or National Board, as the case may be, with the signatures of the Board and Lecturer. Whenever a person is convicted in a Subordinate Alliance, and an

appeal is taken, the Lecturer of the Subordinate Alliance may still assist as prosecuting attorney, if deemed necessary.

SEC. 7. Any member suspended on charges can be reinstated only by two-thirds vote, after one month's notice on application in open Alliance at a stated meeting.

SEC. 8. Any member expelled can be reinstated only by application, as in the preceding section, and the same ballot required as on petition for membership into the Order.

SEC. 9. The President of the State Alliance shall, at each annual session, appoint a Judiciary Committee of three members, who shall consider and determine all questions of organic or statutory law coming up on appeals during vacation, and all other questions submitted to it by the State Alliance while in session. It shall keep a record of its decisions in a book to be furnished for the purpose, and report to each session of the State Alliance.

## ARTICLE VII.

### DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. There shall be elected at each annual meeting of the State Alliance one Executive Committeeman to hold five years, whose duty, with the four holding over, shall be to examine the books of the Secretary-Treasurer, State Business Agent and Trustee of the Business Agency Fund, and approve the same; they shall audit all claims, and if allowed, the Secretary shall draw his warrant on the Treasurer for the amount so allowed, and all warrants drawn on the Treasurer shall be signed by the Secretary and approved by the President.

SEC. 2. They shall supervise suitable bonds for the Secretary-Treasurer, Business Agent and Trustee of the Business Agency Fund, and approve the same; they shall audit all claims, and if allowed, the Secretary shall draw his warrant on the Treasurer for the amount so allowed, and all warrants drawn on the Treasurer shall be signed by the Secretary and approved by the President.

SEC. 3. The Executive Committee shall have power to prepare suitable bonds for Secretary-Treasurer, State Business Agent and Trustee of the Business Agency Fund, and approve the same, and to increase, diminish or cancel said bonds; to dismiss and appoint a new Business Agent, when the good of the Alliance demands, by reason of inefficiency, or failure on the part of the Agent to perform his duties; and to affix his salary, not to exceed \$1,500 per annum, including clerk hire. The bonds of the County and Subordinate Alliance Business Agents shall be approved by the Executive Committee, who shall exercise the same power over the Agents as are exercised by the State Executive Committee over the State Business Agent.



## ARTICLE VIII.

## ORGANIZATION.

SECTION 1. The Lecturer of the State Alliance shall superintend the organization of Alliances in the State. He shall correct all irregularities in the work, secret or otherwise. The Executive Committee of the State Alliance may appoint an Assistant Lecturer when deemed necessary.

SEC. 2. The Lecturers and Steward shall report monthly to the Secretary of the State Alliance the number of Alliances organized and the work performed by them.

SEC. 3. The Lecturer of a County Alliance shall be Organizer in his county.

SEC. 4. All officers of the State Alliance are authorized to organize Alliances, but when they are salaried officers, the fee shall be paid into the treasury of the State Alliance, who shall issue a charter attested by the Secretary to each regularly organized Alliance.

SEC. 5. No. Alliance shall be organized in less than three miles (direct line) of another Alliance in same county, unless such Alliance furnishes the organizing officer a written permit duly attested, of action of all such Alliances consenting to its organization, which permit shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the State Alliance, with application for a charter; and all such organizations otherwise made shall be void.

SEC. 6. Whenever an Alliance shall become defunct, any member in good standing belonging to said defunct Alliance may, in three months, join an Alliance within his reach without being required to pay a fee: *Provided, however*, each Subordinate Alliance shall be judge of its own membership.

SEC. 7. Whenever an Alliance becomes so large as to become unwieldy, it may, by two-thirds vote, divide and form two Alliances; and on petition of said Alliances, under seal, to the President of the State Alliance, he will grant a charter for a new Alliance. Whenever two or more Alliances may deem it best for the good of the Order, they may consolidate. The Subordinate Alliances may determine their name. Any member dimitted from a Subordinate Alliance shall be under supervision of the Subordinate Alliance from which he is dimitted so long as he remains in its jurisdiction, and he shall not be allowed to sit in open Alliance after the quarter expires in which he obtained his dimit.

## ARTICLE IX.

SECTION 1. Any member who may hereafter disclose any of the workings of the Order, or who may impart the password of the Order knowingly to any one not entitled to the same, or who shall disclose

any of the secrets pertaining to the business of the Order, shall, on conviction thereof, be immediately expelled by the body, and shall not be eligible to membership thereafter.

SEC. 2. A member who abuses or denounces the Alliance, and desires to withdraw shall not be granted a dimit or withdrawal card, but shall be suspended or expelled, and not be permitted to withdraw.

## ARTICLE X.

### SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND MILEAGE AND PER DIEM OF MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. The President of the State Alliance shall be paid a salary of \$2.00 per day (with necessary postage, stationery and traveling expenses) when engaged in Alliance work, and for what lecturing may, in his and the judgment of the Executive Committee, be necessary for him to do.

SEC. 2. The annual salary of the Secretary-Treasurer and Business Agent combined, of the State Alliance, shall not exceed \$1,000 per year and use of dwelling, farm, barn and necessary outhouses free from rent; \$100 of same to be paid out of funds of Secretary-Treasurer's department. Said salary to be paid quarterly on warrants signed by the Secretary and approved by the President.

SEC. 2 The members of the Executive Committee of the State Alliance shall receive actual transportation expenses when traveling in discharge of their official duties, and \$2.00 per diem while so actually engaged, with a reasonable amount for stationery and postage. All said sum to be paid from Treasury of the State Alliance.

## ARTICLE XI.

### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

SECTION 1. The President shall continue in office no longer than two years in succession.

SEC. 2. When a member has been convicted in a Subordinate or County Alliance, and sentence has been passed on him, an appeal to a higher tribunal shall stay execution of sentence until the appeal has been heard and the decision rendered, and until such decision has been rendered, he shall not be entitled to vote.

SEC. 3. The retiring officers of the State Alliance shall become honorary members, and shall be entitled to mileage and *per diem*, as other delegates for that session only.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of each Subordinate Alliance shall keep a death record of its members, showing the age, cause and time of death, and with the county and post-office address, report them to the Secretary of the State Alliance.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of the State Alliance shall keep a well bound book, known as the Death Record, in which he shall keep a death record, alphabetically, showing name, age, time of death, with county and post-office address.

SEC. 6. This Constitution may be amended at any regular stated meeting of the State Alliance by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

SEC. 7. This Alliance reaffirms its adoption of the Act of incorporation enacted by the Legislature of North Carolina on the 7th day of March, 1889, adopted at Fayetteville, August, 1889.

## ARTICLE XII.

### BUSINESS AGENCY FUND.

SECTION 1. The President of the State Alliance shall procure a charter of incorporation under the laws of this State for the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance.

SEC. 2. In order to conduct the commercial business of the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance, and to protect from loss those who may deal with the Business Agent of the same, the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance Business Agency Fund is hereby inaugurated.

SEC. 3. The Business Fund shall consist of not less than twenty-five thousand nor more than two hundred thousand dollars, divided into shares of five dollars each, and half shares of two and a half dollars each, and one-fifth shares at one dollar each.

### NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS AGENCY FUND.

RALEIGH, N. C., -----, 18----

\$----- Received of ----- of Alliance No. -----  
----- dollars, for the North Carolina Farmers'  
State Alliance Business Agency Fund, and he is hereby entitled to all  
rights and interests to be derived from such contribution.

This certificate shall be transferable, provided such transfer is made only to a member of the Alliance in good standing.

This ----- day of -----, 19-----

No. -----

[Seal.]

Secretary N. C. F. S. A.

SEC. 5. The Secretary shall keep in a book provided for the purpose a list of the names of those contributing to the fund, the number of the Alliance to which they belong, and the amount contributed.

SEC. 6. The Business Fund shall be managed by the Executive Committee of the State Alliance. No portion of it shall be used in the business of the Business Agency unless required to settle the contracts

of the Agent made in conformity to regulations of the Executive Committee, and when any portion is so used all money received from the cause of such use shall be returned to the Fund.

SEC. 7. The fund shall be in the keeping of a Trustee, to be elected by the State Alliance at this session (August, 1888), who shall hold office for five years. He shall invest not less than twenty-five thousand dollars of said fund in the bonds of North Carolina or the United States, and the remainder as he may deem best. The profits arising from said fund shall be used to pay the salary of the Trustee and all other expenses connected with said fund, and any remainder shall be used by the Executive Committee in defraying the expenses of the Business Agency.

SEC. 8. Said Trustee shall give a justified bond in the sum of \$10,000 for the faithful accounting of all moneys for which he may be responsible, or any expense incurred in collecting the same on his bond. The Executive Committee shall require him to strengthen his bond at any time they deem it necessary, to such an amount as they deem sufficient: *Provided*, that no member of the Executive Committee shall be accepted as bondsman.

SEC. 9. Said Trustee may be removed for cause by vote of the State Alliance, and he may be suspended until the meeting of the State Alliance by the Executive Committee, approved by the President. In case of vacancy from suspension, removal, death, or any other cause, the Executive Committee, with approval of the President, shall fill such until the next regular meeting of the State Alliance.

SEC. 10. The Secretary of each Sub-Alliance shall collect all subscriptions made by members of their Alliance and forward to the Trustee, giving name of contributor, and amount contributed by each. The Trustee shall notify the Secretary of the names and amounts, and he shall forward certificates to the Secretary of the Sub-Alliance as provided in section 4. The Secretary-Treasurer shall turn over to the Trustee all funds belonging to the fund upon his appointment. The Secretary shall notify through the organ of the Alliance the Sub-Alliance when the Trustee's bond is accepted.

SEC. 11. The Trustee shall receive an annual salary, to be fixed by the Executive Committee, not to exceed \$250, to be paid quarterly.

SEC. 12. In case it becomes necessary to use any of the said fund in the State Business Agency, the State Business Agent shall report to the Trustee the amount or amounts necessary, stating cause of indebtedness in each case. If the Trustee approves the same he shall forward the State Business Agent money sufficient to settle the same, but he shall pay no accounts where goods may have been sold without the State Business Agent having first received a certificate of justified bond of the Business Agent purchasing, with names of sureties, which the State Business Agent shall keep filed in his office. The State Business Agent shall immediately proceed to collect such account or ac-

counts between the State Business Agent and the Business Agent for whom the goods are purchased, the matter shall be referred to the Trustee with the right to appeal to the Executive Committee of the State Alliance. The Trustee shall report to the Executive Committee all accounts paid on account of State Business Agent, and all losses to the fund on account of said Business Agent, which losses shall be subject to approval of Executive Committee

SEC. 13. The Trustee shall collect all interest or other profits on said fund as it becomes due, and pay the same into the Treasury of the State Alliance.

SEC. 14. The Treasurer shall keep a separate account of it, and shall pay it out only on the salary of the Trustee, and to the Executive Committee to be used in conducting the Business Agency of the Alliance, on the warrant approved by the President.

SEC. 15. The Trustee shall report to each session of the Alliance how the fund is invested, and the vouchers for the disposition made of profits received on the fund.

SEC. 16. In case the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance should for any cause cease to exist, the money composing this fund shall revert to those contributing it.

(1) The Business Agent shall conduct the business of his office under the supervision and direction of the Executive Committee.


(2) Upon the recommendation of the State Business Agent the Executive Committee may direct that no goods shall be sold without the cash accompanying the order.

(3) The State Business Agent shall keep a record of each transaction in a book provided for the purpose, showing articles purchased or sold, price paid or received for them individually and in gross amount.

(4) Persons who are eligible shall be allowed all the benefits of our trade arrangements by paying the regular fees for entrance, and annual dues, and they may be made honorary members, having all the benefits and advantages of the Alliance, except they shall not participate in its private meetings. The recommendation was made especially for those whose church regulations preclude them from joining secret societies.

(5) The State Business Agent shall be allowed to sell to those outside of the Alliance at an advance over Alliancemen, and pay the same taxes to the State that others doing the same business pay.

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 All contributions to the Business Agency Fund should be sent to W. A. Graham, Trustee, Machpelah, N. C.



## RULES OF ORDER OF AN ALLIANCE.

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SECTION 1. The President shall take the chair precisely at the hour appointed for the opening of the Alliance, and shall immediately call the members to order.

SEC. 2. The President shall have the general direction of the hall; he may designate any member to perform the duties of the Chair; he may preserve strict order in the proceedings of the Alliance.

SEC. 3. All committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Alliance.

SEC. 4. In all cases the member who shall first receive recognition by the Chair shall speak first, but when two or more members rise at the same time the President shall decide who shall speak first.

SEC. 5. No member shall speak more than once on the same question, nor more than ten minutes, unless by consent of the body, and shall be confined to the question under discussion, and shall avoid personalities.

SEC. 6. Any question may be discussed in open Alliance in a non-partisan and non-sectarian sense.

SEC. 7. Any member may call for a statement of the question under consideration, which may be stated by the President or Secretary.

SEC. 8. Any member may call for a division of the question. The President shall decide as to its advisability subject to appeal, as in the questions of order.

SEC. 9. Every member present when the question is put shall vote unless excused by the vote of the body.

SEC. 10. While the President is stating the question or addressing the body, no one shall walk across the hall, and while a member is speaking no one shall pass between the speaker and the Chair. No member or other person shall go to and remain at the Secretary's desk when the yeas and nays are being taken or ballot counted, except the Secretary and his assistants.

SEC. 11. All resolutions shall be made in writing and signed by the author. When such motion is made and seconded, and shall have been stated by the Chair, it is then the property of the house and cannot be withdrawn without the consent of the house.

SEC. 12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to take a recess, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone, to amend, to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence of each other in the order in which they are arranged.

SEC. 13. A motion to adjourn is always in order, but being decided in the negative shall not be again entertained until some motion, call

or order shall take place. The motion to adjourn, take recess, to lay on the table, to take from the table, and all questions relating to the priority of business, shall be decided without debate.

SEC. 14. No motion or proposition differing from the subject under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

SEC. 15. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the rules of order, the President shall, or any member may, call the member to order, and the member called to order shall take his seat, if required by the President, until the question of order is decided. All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair without debate, subject to appeal to the house. No member shall speak on the appeal more than once, and only five minutes, unless by leave of the body. except the party appealing may speak twice.

SEC. 16. All reports of committees shall be made in writing, and signed by such members as concur therein, and the report, with the names of the members signing the same, shall be read at the Secretary's desk by the Secretary or the member making the report without a motion.

SEC. 17. Cushing's Manual and Law of Legislative Assemblies shall be received as the rule in all cases not provided for in the foregoing rules.

FORM OF BUSINESS  
FOR  
SUB-ALLIANCES.

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1. Recording those present.
2. Reading, correcting and adopting minutes of last meeting.
3. Application for membership.
4. Report of Investigating Committee.
5. Balloting.
6. Initiation.
7. Reports of Standing Committees and their dispositions.
8. Reports of Special Committees and their dispositions.
9. Unfinished Business.
10. Business with County Alliance.
11. Is there any Member Sick or in Distress?
12. Lecturing.
13. New Business.
14. Receipts of the evening.
15. Has the Secretary anything for our State or County Organ?



# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS' STATE ALLIANCE,

HELD NEAR

*HILLSBORO, N. C., AUGUST 13 and 14, 1901.*

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HILLSBORO, N. C., August 13, 1901.

The North Carolina Farmers State Alliance assembled in Alliance Hall. President W. Graham in the chair.

The doorkeeper and steward examined all present, and found them qualified to remain in the Hall.

The Secretary called the roll of delegates and the following answered to their names :

Alamance.....	J. H. Walker.....	Union Ridge, N. C.
Beaufort.....	Alexander W. Hodges.....	Mineola, ..
Cumberland .....	N. A. Williams.....	Cornelia, ..
Davidson.....	A. M. Hunter.....	Lexington, ..
Guilford.....	George T. Lane.....	Greensboro, ..
Lincoln.....	W. A. Graham.....	Machpelah, ..
Moore.....	W. C. Wilcox.....	Putnam, ..
Orange.....	H. E. Murphy.....	Hillsboro, ..
Pamlico.....	J. B. Dowty.....	
Rowan.....	T. P. Johnston.....	Salisbury, ..
Wake.....	J. W. Denmark.....	Raleigh, ..
Washington.....	H. P. Alexander.....	Plymouth, ..
Wayne.....	J. W. Peele.....	Goldsboro, ..
Wilson.....	D. L. Flowers.....	Taylor, ..
Warren.....	W. R. Wiggins.....	Norlina, ..

This being a quorum, the Alliance proceeded to business.

The following counties elected delegates as follows, who were probably prevented from coming by the rains and freshets that were then prevailing :

Chatham.....	P. M. Pearson.
Columbus.....	J. S. Shaver.
Franklin.....	G. N. Langley.
Harnett.....	R. M. Parker.
Hertford.....	W. B. Fleton.
Hyde.....	Joseph Hodges.
Johnston.....	R. W. Crumpler.
Nash.....	J. J. Marshburn.
Robeson.....	J. A. Humphrey.
Rockingham.....	J. P. Young.
Sampson.....	H. F. Hays.

The following committees were appointed:

*Committee on Business Agency and B. A. Fund*—T. P. Johnston, H. P. Alexander, J. W. Peele.

*Committee on Demands and Resolutions*—J. C. Bain, W. C. Wilcox, N. A. Williams, A. W. Hodges.

*Committee on Lecturing*—J. W. Denmark, W. R. Wiggins, J. B. Dowty.

*Committee on Constitution and By-Laws*—W. B. Fleming, G. N. Langly, T. J. Oldham.

*Committee on Publication*—T. B. Parker, Jno. Graham, J. W. Denmark.

President W. A. Graham read his address, which, upon motion, was ordered to be furnished to the press for publication, and was as follows :

#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

*To the Officers and Members of the North Carolina Farmers' Alliance:*

I express to you my regrets at my inability to attend the last session, and tender to you my thanks for your resolution of sympathy when the dark cloud of affliction was passing over me. In these sad hours the knowledge that our friends think of us and sympathize with us to some extent lightens the gloom.

There has been relatively not much change in the condition of the Alliance during the year; some Subordinate and County Alliances have been reorganized, others have lapsed. I meet many who express a wish for the reorganization of the Alliance, but seem to be awaiting reorganization before joining; they do not seem willing to perform the work necessary to accomplish the desired end.

#### EDUCATION.

The Alliance has always advocated the advancement of education in the State. The efforts put forth by the Sub-Alliances has had much to do with producing the present condition in the State.

#### THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The Governor of the State, who so worthily fills that position, has directed and advocated legislation which has much advanced the cause of these schools. The reduction of the price of school books will be a boon in this State of large families; the additional appropriation whereby the terms are lengthened, the elevation of grade and qualification of teachers, will accomplish much good. The non-attendance of the children is now the greatest hindrance. The State is slow to enact a compulsory attendance law; a Sub-Alliance can do no better work than to appoint committees in each school district to persuade the negligent parents to send their children to school. Books for children whose parents make no objection to their attending but who will not furnish them books, would prevent many a bright child becoming an ignorant man or woman. A provision for books, I think, should have preceded that for libraries. The advancement of the common school has not led, as was hoped, to the advancement of the Alliance. Education has enabled the boy to think and to reason; this has lead him away from the farm. The Alliance has been a firm supporter of aid by the State to institutions of higher grade and was chiefly instrumental in procuring the establishment of the A. and M. College and the Normal and Industrial School for Girls. Considering their age, the attendance upon these schools has been unprecedented in the State and seems to be limited only by the accommodations that can be furnished.

#### THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

With feelings of State pride is witnessed the progress of the University in its career of prosperity and usefulness, and the passing of the opposition to its nurture by the State in a small portion of our people, for fear its success would weaken other colleges or its alumni prove a hindrance to the progress of morality and religion. Her sons have ever been foremost in aiding the new colleges as they have come

into existence and among the foremost in their localities in advancing the moral and religious interests. For more than a century their lives have contradicted this supposition. The patent fact that we have a century of "conditions" that prove the opposite has been overlooked by the theorist in his eloquent prognostication of evil. The resolutions passed on this subject by those who assumed to be leaders of thought in these assemblies of the various religious denominations met with but feeble support from the private members. Each Legislature contained representatives of similar religious belief earnestly advocating contrary action and greater aid; their course in the Legislature was approved at the polls by the mass of the church members without regard to political creed. The people have advanced so far from such ideas that they can only be heard in the rear as the procession moves on. The humble citizen may have no seat in the "councils," but is entitled to a position at the polls to express his sentiments by his ballot, and this he has done.

The present status shows that after the State has done or shall do all that it can with due regard to its other departments and the other colleges have strained their ability to the utmost, there is yet a large number of boys and girls who if they were able, would take the courses of the colleges, yet they have to be denied. There should be united action by all the colleges to lessen this number as far as they can. They are brothers united in one common cause, and not enemies to procure or rejoice at the injury of each other.

#### THE AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE.

There has been much disappointment at the number of students taking the agricultural course, and that it has constantly diminished until not one-tenth of the students pursue it. The mechanical departments are crowded with students, and considering its age and the funds available, no college in the country has made greater progress in the advantages afforded. His Excellency the Governor recommended to the Legislature to place the institution in the care of a body of practical farmers, to-wit, the Board of Agriculture, with a view to remedying this; not, however, with a view to reduce the number taking the mechanical course or in any way to retard that branch, but to increase the number in agriculture. Professors eminent in their schools have been elected, aid and encouragement offered to the agricultural students and we hope to see their number largely increased. The cause of the larger number of students in mechanics than in agriculture is evident to any one who studies the question, viz., the higher wages and less onerous duties, which is its reward. Besides this many parents encourage their sons who will not farm to prepare themselves for their professions while the farmer boy is only thought to need a vigorous constitution and Herculean muscle; that he

will be more benefited by the athletic than literary curriculum if he were to go to college. The lesser emoluments with more irksome duties is causing most of the boys on the farm who can to leave it for other avocations, and generally by the advice and with the sanction of the parents; and these parents sympathize greatly with the daughter who chooses a farmer as her partner for life. This condition can only result in the removal from the country to the town of a most desirable population and the destruction of that greatest product of Anglo-Saxon civilization—the old Southern country home-stead. The strength of a country is a happy, contented yeomanry, country population of home-owners. Produce a condition where no one remains on a farm unless tied to it by debt or mortgage, and that State is beginning to decay. How shall this be prevented? By the farmer following the example of those in other callings, using his mind as well as his muscle, avoiding that which experience shows to be unremunerative and pursuing that which remunerates and endeavoring to make it more so. The weaver does not expect his loom to complete but one web of cloth, but it is handled to finish many others, and when a machine or arrangement of machinery is offered to increase the yield at the same or less expense he avails himself of it. The farmer must do the same. The college is intended to aid him along this course of action. The Alliance should give the trustees and faculty earnest support, take the time and trouble to examine what is being offered, send your son to avail himself of it and tell your neighbor's son about it. Let the brethren give the college aid and encouragement in its effort to occupy the highest plane of any institution in the country in providing practical scientific agricultural knowledge, and let us tender our worthy Governor our appreciation and thanks for his efforts to advance the condition of the farmers.

#### THE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE FOR GIRLS.

This to the farmers is an important institution. It prepares our girls for greater and better usefulness as women, wives and mothers. If we will educate the girls of the State, there will in a short time be no illiterates recorded in the census. While we rejoice in the prosperity of our State University and other institutions for higher education let us feel no less interest in the academies, high and primary schools and recognize their importance and benefit and the position they occupy in the educational system. Most of the useful citizens of the State are equipped in these.

#### THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

The present law requires that all members of this Board, as well as the Commissioner, shall be practical farmers. It cannot now be used

as the dumping ground for reward of favorites who are to be compensated for the sake of the compensation and not appointed on account of their qualifications to perform the duties of the position. The Board is endeavoring to make its work of the highest benefit to the farmers and is operating in cattle diseases, injurious insects, soil survey, test farms, and other departments. Its regulations as to the analysis of fertilizer endeavors to protect the farmer from fraud and to see that he is furnished with goods profitable to use. It is to be regretted that the Legislature did not enact the recommendations of the Board as to remuneration for goods sold, which are below the guarantee. The farmer who purchases fertilizer on a guarantee is the only person in the State that cannot have adequate compensation for failure of seller to deliver an article as good as the guarantee on which it is bought. This is a right he should have and he should see that the person who represents him in the next Legislature will "guarantee" to advocate it. The members of the Alliance should arrange for Farmers' Institutes in their neighborhood and enter actively into their proceedings. I earnestly urge them to visit the Test Farms and profit by the information to be gained there.

#### TAXATION.

When our State government was organized land constituted nearly all the wealth and was selected to bear the burden of taxation. Previous to 1861 taxation was according to the number of acres owned without regard to the value. One hundred acres on Mount Pisgah devoted to raising "huckleberries and bear" paid as much tax as the same amount of Roanoke bottom or red Jersey land. Afterwards the system was changed to *ad valorem* taxation. Other species of property became prominent and are as much wealth as land. The struggle has been to keep an undue proportion of the tax on the land, although at present one of the least remunerative forms of wealth. Land and its accompanying property cannot be easily concealed from the assessor for taxation. The owners of bonds, stocks, notes and other species of kindred property should be required to list each item, as the farmer does the property of the farm, and let those whose duty it is fix the value for taxation. The struggle in State, county and town now is to have a correct list of property of each owner and to prevent ubiquity of citizenship or imperfect return being used to avoid the contribution of a just share to the expenses of a government whose pleasures and benefits are enjoyed. The farmer asks no unfair exemption from taxation, only that others shall contribute their portion; because he was started with a greater part of the load is no reason he should be compelled to continue to bear it after others as much interested in the Commonwealth have become more muscular than he.



TRUSTS.

The combination of those whose business it is to supply the wants of the people with articles of commerce seems to be well nigh overturning the former habit of traffic; the seller no longer seeks the buyer to ascertain what and how much he may desire to purchase, but informs him how much he will let him have and at what price. The small dealer or manufacturer is fast becoming extinct, as it is folly for him with his hundreds to oppose the trusts with their billions of dollars; the intellect and energy he would contribute in advancing the interests of his community by new enterprises and employment of more laborers is sold to the trust to aid in crushing out all such as he would be if able. The consolidation of capital, the determination of amount of output and the price at which it shall be sold as well as to a great extent the cost of the raw material used in its manufacture, enables an opinion of the result of the business to be formed. It is not, therefore, surprising that the labor used in the business organizes to set the price at which it can be had, as the employer can no longer plead to much extent ignorance of the amount of profits. Thus we have the ever increasing strife between some capitalists and their laborers. This is the most dangerous element now in our economical system, and if not regulated must in the future produce dire results. Alliancemen are at present but indirectly affected by the state of affairs. If, however, trouble arises and forces used by the State to protect either side, it is to the country the call will be made, as on all other occasions, for men to do the fighting. It is estimated that nine out of ten of the men who have seen service in the army during the present war came from the country. Let each Allianceman carefully examine this question for himself and endeavor in the political party with which he affiliates to support such men and measures as to obtain a just solution of this harassing question and its removal from the arena of economics.

That the Alliance, as such, will not consent to be made a partisan political party is now well established. That those who, in the past, have used it as such were actuated only by a desire for personal promotion and ceased affiliation as they attained their aim is now evident to all.

Sometimes when a county is ripe for organization, the prospect is ruined by a call for a meeting with orators selected who have nothing in common with the Alliance, and the questions announced to be discussed are at least *quasi* political. These things ought not so to be. Let us confine the Alliance to Alliance work and let him who has his eye on Raleigh or Washington seek some other route to make the journey.

## MEMBERSHIP.

I recommend that as far as practicable this be restricted to those who are in some way actually engaged in farm work.

## THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

I commend our organ to your most earnest support and patronage. Bro. Denmark is now the owner. His services on the Executive Committee for the past seven years have aided much in rescuing the Alliance from the financial wreck which bad management of the then executive committee had well nigh effected. He deserves the hearty co-operation of the entire body. Bro. C. H. Poe, its editor, gives us a live family Alliance farmers' paper, well worth the price of subscription. We must have a means of communication with each other. For this *The Progressive Farmer* is all that can be desired.

## THE BUSINESS AGENCY

Under Brother Parker's efficient management the Agency can accomplish for our members all that was designed in its establishment. I most heartily commend it to your patronage.

## IN CONCLUSION.

The years from 1888 to 1892 were the most pleasant the farmer of this State ever knew. He and his family lived a life of social enjoyment, intellectual improvement and advancement not known before or since. Thousands are asking themselves for what they have exchanged their conditions, and their better nature call for a renewal of the former days. We can only keep the fire alive upon the altar, the faith pure and stand at our post to welcome the wanderers home; knowing that if re-organization comes the causes which produced the present sad condition will not be allowed to again mar and ruin our brotherhood.

The Secretary-Treasurer's report was called for, and was as follows:

## SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

*To the Officers and Members of the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance.*

BRETHREN:—As your Secretary-Treasurer, I herewith submit to you my annual report. It has been the prerogative of my predecessors in office to make to you such suggestions as they thought would inure



to the benefit of the Order; therefore, I, too, venture into the field of suggestions.

The time is at hand when something must be done, or the Alliance in North Carolina will very materially suffer. As an organization we will have to go out into the field of active work, or else see the Alliance go the way the Grange and all other farmers' organizations have gone in the State. To undertake to cover up our weakness and try to fool ourselves into the belief that we are strong would be the height of folly. Better look at the situation just as it is, and with a determination born of necessity, take measures to regain our lost ground. Let us ask ourselves the questions: Was the Alliance a necessity when first organized? Has that necessity abated? From my view organization among the farmers is more imperative to-day than it has ever been.

In a letter sent to the County Secretaries, at the July meetings, I asked that the question of the reorganization of the Alliance be brought up in each county so that the delegate to the State meeting would have the benefit of the discussion. By bringing ideas from every section of the State I am hopeful that something will be done at this meeting that will result in good to the Alliance.

In traveling over the State (and I have gone over right much of it since our last meeting), I find that the greatest obstacle in the way of reorganization of the Alliance is the general apathy of the farmers.

In some sections there still exists prejudice against the Alliance, but I think that is rapidly dying out, at least I do not hear as much of it as I formerly did. Nine-tenths of the farmers with whom I have talked admit that the farmers need organization, and that the Alliance is a good thing, if properly managed; but they say it has been tried and the farmers will not stick together. If this body can formulate some plan to overcome this condition in our people, they will have solved the problem of re-organization of the Alliance. It might be that much could be done by mission work, house to house visitation, etc. To illustrate: Let a brother take one or two counties to work up, make a personal canvas from house to house in each neighborhood before undertaking to reorganize in that neighborhood, and get the farmers to promise to come out to the meeting and bring their families with them. To be sure that will require work and privation on the part of the organizer, but we should remember that our greatest blessings have come to us through much effort and great sacrifices. This subject of reorganization is of too much importance to be passed by lightly, so I hope that you will give it due consideration.

Since the last meeting of the State Alliance, I have visitited the following counties in the interest of the Alliance. At some places the attendance was good and the outlook hopeful, while at others the people seemed to be indifferent, and were conspicuous for their absence. My first visit was to Scotland county, where I met the farmers

who were proposing to organize a Protective Cotton Growers Association. I spoke to them about the benefits of organization and the advantages of the Alliance, but without apparent results. My next trip was to Washington county, where I spent nearly a week in company with Bro. Alexander who kindly carried me over the county. Their last report does not indicate that I made any lasting impressions there. I then visited Mecklenburg and Cabarrus counties with not very encouraging results. I made three visits to Wake and finally succeeded in getting in a week's work, and reorganized two Sub-Alliances. Since, I have visited Wayne, Wilson, Sampson, Chatham and Alamance—in Wilson and Alamance, only the county meetings. I was in Chatham during the May freshets which very much hindered my work there. In all these counties I was met by brethren who took charge of me and did all they could to make the trips pleasant and beneficial.

I have had invitations to visit several counties that I could not accept. I am satisfied that good could be accomplished by lecturers in the field, and I trust that some means can be devised by which they can be induced to go out.

Receipts and disbursements for the year are as follows:

#### RECEIPTS.

Amount on hand at beginning of year .....	\$105 59
Advertising in minutes .....	12 00
Reorganization fees .....	8 75
Expense, Washington county .....	10 00
Fees and dues .....	463 23
Rituals and supplies .....	23 25
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	\$622 82

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

J. C. Bain, reorganizing .....	\$ 42 50
Officers' expenses, meeting 1900 .....	28 40
Stationery and printing .....	62 07
Traveling expenses of Secretary-Treasurer .....	80 00
Postage .....	17 20
Executive Committee .....	73 07
Lamp chimneys .....	50
Express charges .....	1 46
Printing calendars .....	9 62
200 rituals .....	10 70
Half of delegates' board last State meeting .....	18 87
Paid S. B. A. department .....	100 00
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	444 39
Balance .....	<hr/>
	\$178 43

T. B. PARKER,  
*Secretary-Treasurer.*

The State Business Agent's report was read and referred to Committee on State Business Agency.

#### STATE BUSINESS AGENT'S REPORT.

*To the Officers and Members of the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance.*

BRETHREN:—I herewith submit to you my report as your State Business Agent. At the closing sessions of the last meeting of the State Alliance when the brethren promised to stand by and support the Business Agency, as S. B. A., I felt very much encouraged and gratified. I soon realized that the delegates had not forgotten their promises, for the increase in business was almost immediately perceptible, so much so that the next month's sales exceeded those of the corresponding month a year before, \$143.76. Then when the October sales exceeded the sales of the previous October, \$554.53, and November exceeded the sales of November a year before, \$306.21, I knew that the brethren had gone to work in earnest. But the last three months have fallen short of the same months in 1900. There must be a cause for this falling off, and I hope that you brethren can help me to find this cause and devise a remedy.

As well as I now remember, there has been but two complaints about the quality of goods purchased through the Agency, and they were both about a low grade flour, while I have received several letters from brethren expressing themselves highly pleased with the goods and prices at which they were bought. Those who have patronized the Agency must have been best pleased with its workings. I am sure that much money could have been saved if the brethren had used the Agency more.

The Business Agency was wisely planned by far seeing members of the Alliance when first organized and has been of inestimable value to the brethren and farmers generally. It can still be of value, but only if used.

Our financial condition is good as will be shown by the report of the Executive Committee. Although, as will also be seen by their report, the commissions for this year are behind those of former years. That is owing to the less commission paid per ton on fertilizers. Your committee on fertilizers were unable to make a contract paying the same commission per ton as in former years. The season for making a contract being late they deemed it advisable to accept a proposition from the Durham Branch of the Va -Car. Chemical Co., paying to us 12½ cents per ton on all the Alliance brands of fertilizers shipped into the State during the present fiscal year, ending December 1, 1901. In making this contract, it was with the understanding that this price should not set a precedent for the ensuing year.

We have an established commercial rating with the business world and our credit is first class. The only thing now needed to make the Agency a complete success is the patronage and influence of the brethren. Therewith append a partial list of the things purchased through the Agency during the past year.

Fraternally,

T. B. PARKER,  
*State Business Agent.*

VALUATION OF MERCHANDISE HANDLED BY ALLIANCE BUSINESS AGENCY  
FROM AUGUST 1ST, 1900, TO AUGUST 1ST, 1901.

<i>Groceries</i> —Sugar, lard, rice, hominy, spices, bacon, salt, molasses, coffee, flour, axle-grease, soda, bran, etc.....	\$ 2,326 02
<i>Seeds</i> —Sorghum, grass, clover, rye, beans, peas, wheat, potatoes, garden seeds, alfalfa, lawn grass, etc.....	725.50
<i>Hardware</i> —Stoves, farm bells, nails, barb-wire, shovels, pitchforks, axes, hoes, plows, cultivators, etc.....	1,479.04
<i>Miscellaneous</i> —Saddles, wagons, road-carts, buggies, harness, cotton-planters, Alliance sewing machines, organs, etc.....	6,116.62
Fertilizers.....	130,000.00
Grand total sales.....	\$ 140,000.00
No. tons of fertilizer sold .....	6,578 2-10
No. of sewing machines sold .....	112

The Lecturer read his report.

LECTURER'S REPORT.

*To the Officers and Members of the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance.*

BRETHREN:—At a meeting of your Executive Committee in the City of Raleigh, last October, Secretary Parker and I were instructed to do everything possible in reorganizing and lecturing during the year, and to do the work with as little expense as possible. I, with the aid of Bro. Parker, have obeyed the instructions to the best of my ability. I have visited and lectured only at places and in sections where I was solicited to go. I regret that I was unable to visit all the places that I was invited to go and lecture.

I regret to have to report that while on a lecturing tour through Sampson county, about the 1st of March, near Ingöld, I met with an accident. My horse ran away, threw me out, dislocated my right shoulder, and otherwise injured me, so that I had to retire from lec-

ture work for the time. When again able to resume work as lecturer, all farm work was so pressing that I deemed it inadvisable to again enter the field as lecturer until the farmers had more leisure.

I have filled forty-five appointments, embracing about forty-two days time. Reorganized sixteen Sub-Alliances in six counties.

The brethren everywhere treated me with unbounded kindness and rendered me much assistance in the work.

The principles of the Alliance are the same to-day they were in the beginning. Its first declaration of purposes is "To labor for the education of the agricultural classes in the science of economical government in strictly a non-partisan spirit." If it was non-partisan in 1888, it was in 1894, and also in 1901, for its declaration of purposes are the same.

Our organization has done more for the education and elevation of the agricultural classes in North Carolina than any other influence, in the same length of time in the history of our State. Let us turn a deaf ear to any and all charges that are calculated to deter the progress and upbuilding of our beloved Order, always marching and firmly standing on the principles as set forth in the seven "Declaration of Purposes." Such has been the desire and teaching of your humble servant while serving you during the past year.

J. C. BAIN,  
*Lecturer.*

The Chaplain rendered a verbal report of his work during the year.

Report of Trustee was next read and gave to the Executive Committee.

Resolution "A" was offered by Prof. John Graham and referred to the Committee on Resolutions. The Alliance then adjourned until 3 P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

House called to order at 3 o'clock by President Graham.

Resolution "A" was re-read and, after discussion, adopted as follows:

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the North Carolina Farmers State Alliance in session at Hillsboro, this August 13th, 1901, that the Al-



liance property at Hillsboro be offered to the State of North Carolina for the establishment of a Reformatory for young criminals at a price not less than \$12,500, payable in four per cent. State bonds thirty years after date: *Provided, however*, that this proposition be first submitted to the various Sub-Alliances for their approval or disapproval, and instructions to their representatives to the State Alliance of 1902 for further guidance.

Resolution "B" by Bro. Hodges, pertaining to the Alliance demands, was referred to the Committee on Demands and Resolutions.

The Secretary read a letter from County Secretary Baines of Nash county, concerning representation for their county, as the delegates from Nash could not attend the meeting.

Resolution "C" was offered by Prof. John Graham. On motion of Bro. Denmark, the rules were suspended and the resolution placed before the House, which after discussion was unanimously adopted as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be and is hereby instructed to notify the Durham Fertilizer Company that a royalty of twenty-five cents must be paid the State Business Agent on every ton of the Alliance brands of fertilizers sold in the State of North Carolina. And in case the said fertilizer company refuses to pay said royalty, then the State Business Agent is instructed to protect the use of the name "Alliance" on any of the brands of fertilizers sold in North Carolina and take, with the approval of the Executive Committee, such action as may be necessary to protect the interests of the Alliance.

On motion, the Alliance adjourned until 8:40 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

At 8:30 P. M., Alliance was called to order by President Graham.

On motion of Bro. H. E. Murphy, Geo. T. Lane was seated as delegate from Guilford county.

The Committee on Business Agency reported on the reports of the Secretary-Treasurer and State Business Agency as follows :

Your Committee have examined the within reports, find them correct and recommend their adoption.

We further offer this supplemental report on the State Business Agency :

Brethren, your committee views with alarm the narrow margin upon which so large a business is conducted, so much labor done, so much money expended, and so little profit to our credit, which profit entirely disappears, if interest on capital invested and shrinkage in assets were to be counted. This fact impels us to advise a more economical plan for running the business.

THOS. P. JOHNSTON.

J. W. PEELE,

H. P. ALEXANDER,

*Committee.*

The Executive Committee offered their report as follows :

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

*To the Officers and Members of the North Carolina State Farmers' Alliance.*

BRETHREN:—Your Executive Committee respectfully report :

That we have examined the books of the Secretary-Treasurer and find them correct. The receipts of the office have exceeded the disbursements \$230.16.

The books of the State Business Agent have been carefully examined and found correct. His balance sheet shows :



Cash in Bank .....	\$2,158 53
Accounts on books .....	1,433 67
Shoes on hand (value) .....	1,192 24
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	\$4,784 44

## LIABILITIES.

Due on account .....	\$304 61
Due Secretary-Treasurer .....	111 73
Due on dollar plan .....	107 33
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	523 67
Net balance .....	<hr/>
	\$4,260 67

Total commissions for the financial year from Aug. 1, 1900, to Aug. 1, 1901, amount from all sources to the sum of...	\$1,820 82
Total expenses incurred .....	1,680 59
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Profit on Business Agency .....	\$ 140 23
Commissions paid by Durham Fertilizer Company .....	\$ 900 00
Other commissions .....	920 82
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	\$ 1,820 82

Our financial condition is as follows:

\$ 9,100.00 North Carolina four per cent. bonds .....	\$ 9,100 00
372.44 balance in hands of W. A. Graham, Trustee .....	372 44
10,218.00 approximate value real estate and personal prop- erty mortgaged to W. A. Graham, Trustee .....	10,218 00
Balance in the hands of State Business Agent .....	4,260 77
Balance in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer .....	178 43
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Total .....	\$ 24,129 64

In addition to the above there is in the hands of the State Business Agent \$107.33, balance due depositors on the one-dollar plan.

Your Committee would call the attention of the brethren to the fact that fifty per cent. on the subscription to the shoe-factory fund is being paid in shoes at factory wholesale prices, and that all individual holders of said subscription script, whether Alliance-men or non-Alliance-men, are entitled to said dividend. The agreement entered into was that said subscriptions were to be paid out of the *profits* from the manufacture of shoes. Instead of a profit, the Business Agency sustained loss.

Your committee would recommend that all shoes unsold to the subscribers, entitled to said fifty per cent. on their subscription, be disposed of within such time by the Business Agent and in such manner as he and the Executive Committee may deem best, and the proceeds of said shoes be set apart for *pro rata* distribution among those entitled to the benefit of said sale whenever they or their assigns present their subscription script properly endorsed.

Your Committee would call attention to the fact that the profits of the Business Agency amounted for the year 1900-1901 to \$140.43, and that in the event that the \$900 received from The Durham Fertilizer Company be no longer available, then in that case the expenses of the State Business Agency must be reduced. Your Committee thinks that the sum of one thousand dollars, and the use of the dwelling now occupied by the State Business Agent, and in addition the use of such part of the land as the Business Agent may wish to cultivate free of rent together with stables, barn, and other out-houses now used by him, as ample compensation for the work now done by the State business Agent.

Your Committee further recommends the reduction of the President's salary to two dollars per day and traveling expenses.

We recommend a continuation of the present local Lecturer system, together with all the additional assistance that can be rendered by the Business Agent and Lecturer, under the direction of the Executive Committee.

J. W. DENMARK, *Chairman.*

JNO. GRAHAM,

W. B. FLEMING,

S. E. PERSON,

T. J. OLDHAM,

*Committee.*

## TRUSTEE'S REPORT B. A. FUND; AUGUST 1, 1901.

Fund consists of—

\$9,100 North Carolina four per cents .....	\$ 9,100 00
Mortgage on property at headquarters .....	10,218 00
Total (face value) .....	<u>\$19,318 00</u>

During the year bought \$100 N. C. four per cents, \$	107 00	
Paid cash \$103.39, earnings of fund \$3.61 .....		\$107 00

## EARNINGS OF FUND.

1900. Aug. 1. Balance on hand .....	\$ 269 00
Coupons \$9,000 N. C. fours .....	360 00
Interest \$103.38 9 mos. 6 per cent. ....	4 65
	<u>\$ 633 65</u>

## EXPENDED.

Trustee's salary .....		\$250 00
Paid on purchase \$100 N. C. fours, .....		3 61
Postage and stationery .....		2 60
Traveling .....		5 00
	<u>261 21</u>	261 21
1901. Aug. 1. Balance .....	\$ 372 44	

Exchanged receipts with S. B. Agent \$408.72 for interest on mortgage \$10,218 one year at four per cent. to Jan. 1, 1901 (no money passed) ..	\$ 408 72	\$408 72
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Respectfully submitted,

W. A. GRAHAM,  
*Trustee.*

After reading, the report as a whole was adopted, except the part referring to salary of State Business Agent, which was referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

The Committee on Resolutions and Demands reported adversely on Resolution "B," signed J. C. Bain for the Committee.

Upon motion the resolution was laid on the table.

Resolution "D" pertaining to fertilizers was offered by Bro. J. E. Person and referred to Committee on Demands and Resolutions.

Resolution "E," pertaining to degrees in Alliance work was offered by Bro. N. A. Williams, and referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

On motion of Bro. J. C. Bain, the election of officers was made the special order for Wednesday at 3 P. M.

The subject of reorganization of the Alliance was discussed by the delegates and brethren. Resolution "F" by Bro. Johnston of Rowan, pertaining to Charters, was referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Bro. Murphy offered resolution "G," which was referred to the Committee on Demands and Resolutions. No further business, the Alliance adjourned until Wednesday morning 8:30.

#### MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday morning. The Alliance was called to order by President Graham.

Upon motion, speeches were limited to three minutes.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws to whom had been referred that part of the Executive Committee's report referring to the reduction of the President's salary, reported as follows: .

We recommend that Article X, Section 1, of the Constitution be changed by striking out salary of \$100.00 per annum to be paid the President, and insert \$2.00 per day, with necessary postage, stationery and traveling expenses while engaged in Alliance work.

(Signed)

W. B. FLEMING,

T. J. OLDHAM

*Committee.*

The question : Can a legal majority take the charter of a Sub-Alliance from a constitutional quorum, was asked by Bro. Johnston of Rowan, and referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, who reported as follows :

It is the opinion of the Committee that the majority cannot take charter from a constitutional quorum.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws to whom was referred that part of the Executive Committee's report pertaining to the salary of the State Business Agent, reported as follows :

We recommend that Section 10, Article II, of the Constitution be changed to read \$1,000 and the use of the dwelling and farm at headquarters free of rent, to conform with the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

(Signed)

W. B. FLEMING,

T. J. OLDHAM,

*Committee.*

Resolution "G" was reported adversely by the Committee, and upon motion was tabled.

Resolution "D" by Dr. Person was reported favorably by the Committee, and was adopted as follows :

WHEREAS, The fertilizer trust is assuming proportions that is becoming alarming to the farming interests of the State by a prospective refusal to allow farmers to purchase raw materials for the manufacture of home-made fertilizers—that is, kainit and acid phosphate; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Alliance earnestly request the farmers of North Carolina, regardless of the fact of their being members of the Alliance or not, to cease from the purchase of manipulated guanos to as great extent as in their power lies.

(Signed)

J. C. BAIN,

W. C. WILLCOX,

*Committee.*

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws reported resolution "E" unfavorably.

Upon motion, the resolution was re-referred to the Committee so that the introducer could go before the Committee and explain the benefits arising from the resolution if adopted.

The following resolution by Bro. A. M. Hunter was unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That the State Alliance earnestly urge that the county business agents solicit orders for such chemicals as may be profitably used in the mixing of home-made fertilizers, and that these orders be forwarded to the State Business Agent for the purchase and shipment of those chemicals to the counties.

The following resolution by Prof. John Graham was by unanimous consent introduced and put on its immediate passage :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance are hereby tendered to His Excellency Hon. Chas. B. Aycock for putting the Agricultural and Mechanical College under control of the Board of Agriculture and appointing farmers only as members of that Board.

The following resolution, also pertaining to the A. and M. College, was introduced by T. B. Parker, and adopted :

*Resolved*, That this body ask the Trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical College to establish a club house at the College, so that students may board themselves, as is the custom at other colleges.

The following resolution pertaining to the death of Mrs. L. L. Polk was introduced by Bro. Bain and by consent put on its immediate passage. The vote was taken by a rising vote and its adoption was unanimous:

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance has learned with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Sarah P. Polk, widow of our la-

mented leader, Col. L. L. Polk, and for nine years owner of *The Progressive Farmer*; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we hereby express our deep sorrow at this sad dispensation of Providence in removing from our midst so noble and faithful a friend of our Order, and we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

On motion to suspend, the resolution in regard to special order for the election of officers was reconsidered, and the election of officers now taken up.

W. B. Fleming was placed in nomination, and upon motion the rules were suspended and the Secretary requested to cast the Vote of the Alliance for Bro. Fleming. The following is a list of the officers elected for the ensuing year :

President .....	W. B. FLEMING, Ridgeway.
Vice-President .....	T. P. JOHNSTON, Salisbury.
Sec.-Treas. and State Business Agent.....	T. B. PARKER, Hillsboro.
Lecturer .....	J. C. BAIN, Wade.
Chaplain .....	W. S. MERCER, Moyock.
Steward.....	J. M. MITCHELL, Goldsboro.
Doorkeeper.....	GEO. T. LANE, Greensboro.
Sergeant-at-Arms .....	R. H. LANE, Aurora.
Executive Committee (five years).....	JOHN GRAHAM, Warrenton.

The Alliance adjourned until 2 P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 P. M., the Alliance was called to order by President Graham.

The special hour for installation having arrived, installing officer W. A. Graham, with Bro. H. E. Murphy as Steward, proceeded to install the newly elected officers. The Alliance sang, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," after which the officers were duly installed.

Bro. H. M. Cates, Lecturer of Alamance county,



being present, was called upon to address the Alliance, which call was responded to in a happy vein.

The Committee reported on resolution "E" without prejudice. After discussion, the resolution was tabled.

The Committee on Lecturing reported that they recommend the adoption of the Lecturer's Report. The report was adopted.

The Secretary read letters from Foley & Williams Manufacturing Company, Dr. Harrell of Columbus county, and Ransom Hinton of Wake county. Mr. Hinton's letter pertained to the sale of cotton seed and advised that the farmers unite in selling their seed, thereby putting themselves in position to command the highest price obtainable.

Mr. Hinton's suggestions were thoroughly discussed and approved by the State Alliance. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Hinton for his suggestion, and the following resolution by J. M. Mitchell was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the President appoint a committee of four to write a circular letter to the cotton farmers of the State embodying the principles of Mr. Hinton's letter.

The President appointed on the committee, W. A. Graham, J. W. Denmark, T. B. Parker and Ransom Hinton.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. T. P. Johnston, was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the members of this State Alliance will use their best endeavor to get all cotton farmers of the State to club together and sell their surplus cotton seed the season of this fall and winter through our State Business Agent.

The Committee on Demands and Resolutions offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the State Alliance now in session extend a vote of thanks to the railroad companies in the State for their kindness in the reduction of railroad fares to and from State Alliance meeting, and that the State Secretary be instructed to furnish a copy of these resolutions to the proper officers of the railroad companies.

(Signed)

J. C. BAIN,

W. C. WILLCOX,

N. A. WILLIAMS,

A. W. HODGES,

*Committee.*

A resolution by John Graham, making the price of board at the State Alliance, sixty cents a day was adopted.

The following resolution in recognition of the services of retiring President W. A. Graham was introduced by Bro. J. C. Bain and adopted :

WHEREAS, Our retiring President, W. A. Graham, has generously given to the State Alliance his salary and *per diem* as President for the past two years ; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That in appreciation of this, this State Alliance present to Bro. Graham a memento of some description as a reminder to him of our recognition of his services. I would suggest as a suitable souvenir a writing-desk, to be purchased by our State Business Agent and presented for us to Bro. Graham.

The following by Bro. Hunter was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the State Business Agent, in connection with the assistance of the Executive Committee, shall look after any tools or machinery that are rusting or otherwise being damaged, shall have them properly cleaned and oiled, and shall sell them if possible. Also to communicate with shoe factories, or others, for the purpose of selling any stock cut, or otherwise, that may be on hand.

The following resolution pertaining to the Trustee Fund was introduced by John Graham and adopted by the Alliance :

*Resolved*, That the expenditure of \$3.61 by Bro. William A. Graham, Trustee, in the purchase of the North Carolina four per cent. bonds, be approved by this Alliance.

The following resolution in reference to *The Progressive Farmer* was introduced by J. M. Mitchell, and adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Alliance heartily endorse *The Progressive Farmer* as our organ or means of communication, and heartily commend Bro. Poe's course as editor. We tender Bro. Denmark our thanks for purchasing the paper and his efforts to preserve it to the use of the Order. We pledge him our earnest aid to sustain the paper and extend its circulation.

The following was also introduced by Bro. Mitchell and adopted by the Alliance :

WHEREAS, The problem of simply reorganizing Sub-Alliances is overshadowed by the problem of interesting the members in the work after they have been induced to join; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That for the purpose of interesting members, we suggest and request that the Secretary of the State Alliance, the Trustee of the Business Agency Fund, and the editor of *The Progressive Farmer*, select for each month some interesting topic for discussion in the Sub-Alliances of the State.

No further business, the Alliance adjourned until  
8 P. M.

## EVENING SESSION.

At 8:30 P. M. the Alliance was called to order, President Fleming in the chair.

There being nothing on the calendar, a general discussion under the head "Good of the Order" was engaged in by the brethren generally, relating their work and experiences during the year in their respective counties. No further business, the Alliance adjourned at 10 P. M., after singing

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow,"

and prayer by the Chaplain.

T. B. PARKER,  
*Secretary.*

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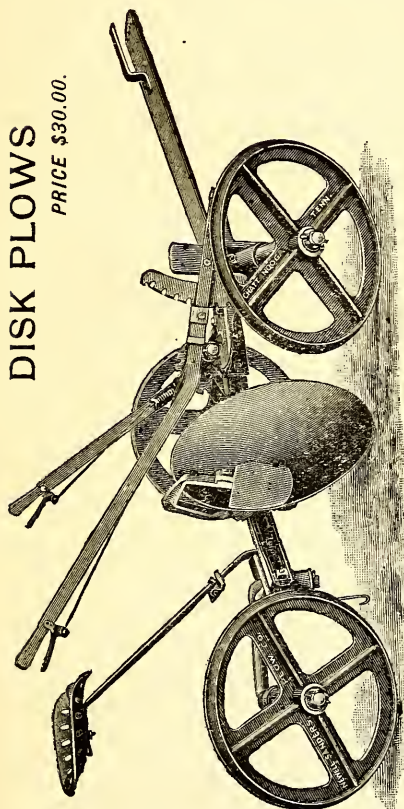
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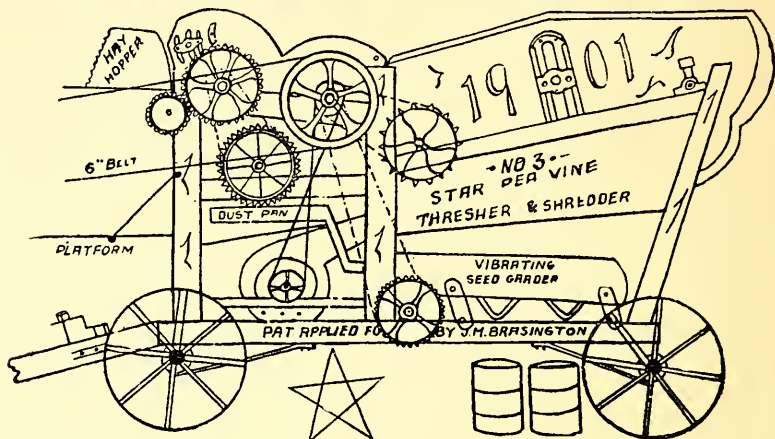
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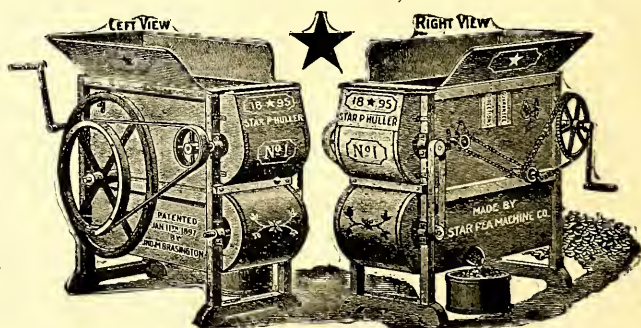


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